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To: ADE Branch Field Activities Stations

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Subject: A Survey of Brucellosis Eradication Activities and the
Establishment of Program Goals

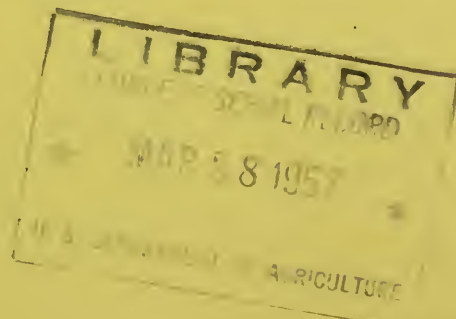
I PURPOSE

All concerned with the expanded effort to eradicate brucellosis undoubtedly realize the need for well coordinated plans, efforts and use of funds. With the heavy State and Federal financial support given the brucellosis eradication effort during the past few years, it is imperative that careful calculations be made of current and anticipated progress. It will be impossible to maintain operations at present high levels without establishing, on a continuing basis, clear-cut evidence of favorable accomplishments and realistic goals. Therefore, it is extremely important that we constantly measure and consolidate our gains.

A vast reservoir of know-how and experience exists in State and Federal personnel assigned to this eradication job. Well laid plans are operating and are continually being developed. This memorandum outlines a method of conducting a uniform survey of program activities in all States and establishing program goals.

II OBJECTIVES

1. To conduct surveys and measure progress made in each State on an area, district and State-wide basis making full use of the knowledge, experience, and judgment of area and district veterinarians.
2. To establish goals for the January 1-June 30, 1957 period from survey data covering the same items in all States.



3. To summarize and evaluate the surveys and goals to determine the National situation and progress to be expected for the first six months of 1957 at a meeting to be held in Chicago on November 26 and 27 preceding the United States Livestock Sanitary Association Meeting.

III SURVEYS

It is desired that Federal officials in cooperation with State officials assemble and evaluate data developed by district and area veterinarians along the following lines for the period January 1-June 30, 1957.

Area and district veterinarians should consider and develop the following items in measuring the results to be obtained in the areas for which they are responsible.

For each county in their areas:

1. Number of dairy herds and cattle and number of beef herds and cattle.
2. Number of calves which will be held for replacement purposes.
3. Number of herds and cattle which will be blood tested.
4. Number of herds and cattle which will be BR tested.
5. Number of herds in which infection will be disclosed.
6. Number of reactors which will be disclosed.
7. Number of reactors which will be slaughtered.
8. Incidence of infection on January 1 and June 30, 1957.
9. Number of calves which will be vaccinated.
10. Number of fee testing veterinarians who will provide service in the county indicating the number of herds and cattle each may be expected to test.
11. Number of additional fee testing veterinarians needed to meet program needs, if any.

Goals for each area:

1. Number of counties in area.
2. Number of counties which will be modified certified brucellosis-free by June 30, 1957.
3. Number of counties in which area testing will be under way by June 30, 1957.
4. Date, either before or after June 30, 1957, by which all counties in the area will achieve modified certified brucellosis-free status.
5. Expected further reduction in incidence of brucellosis in modified certified counties.

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IV SUMMARY AND EVALUATION

It is desired that the area surveys and goals be completed, evaluated, and compiled into a single report for your State. State reports will be presented by veterinarians in charge and reviewed by Branch area directors at the meeting to be held in Chicago on November 26. Veterinarians in charge should come to the meeting prepared to substantiate respective State reports with data provided by area and district veterinarians. Area directors will report for their areas at a general meeting of Branch personnel on November 27.

V DEVELOPING DATA

Area and district veterinarians should develop the data desired from available information, their knowledge of the area, experience and judgment. They should be furnished the basic information required to conduct the survey where it is not maintained on an area and district basis. Examples: cattle population of counties, number of infected herds, number of herds under BRT program with most recent results, etc.

It is believed that preliminary meetings with area and district veterinarians to discuss the pertinent factors involved will serve an excellent purpose in arranging the surveys. Consideration should be given to the development of a standard form for use by area and district veterinarians in assembling the information desired. It may be advisable to hold a final meeting with field supervisors to evaluate the data submitted.

The planning and action required by this survey will afford an opportunity for employees to participate in planning at all levels and is broadly recognized as one of the best ways of creating strong incentive toward achievement. This participation in program planning and establishment of goals should result in a better understanding of program objectives.

